INFORMATION ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

YOUR EMPLOYER IS SUBJECT TO KENTUCKY UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAW.

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS IF YOU LOSE YOUR JOB, ARE LAID OFF OR YOUR HOURS ARE REDUCED.

TO QUALIFY FOR BENEFITS, YOU MUST

- Be unemployed through no fault of your own;
- Be able and available to work and making a reasonable effort to obtain new work; and
- Register for work when you file your claim.

You must also meet monetary eligibility requirements based on your earnings in your "base period," the first four of the five completed calendar guarters preceding your claim. These earnings also determine the amount of benefits you may be entitled to draw. Generally, if you have worked for more than a year and earned at least \$1500 during your base period, you may meet the monetary requirements for a claim.

IF YOU LOSE YOUR JOB OR ARE LAID OFF:

- 1. File your claim within the first week after you become unemployed, by filing on the internet at www.oet.ky.gov, or by telephone at (859) 547-3362 Monday through Friday, 7:30am-5:30pm ET (this is **not** a toll-free number).
- 2. After filing your claim, file continuing claims bi-weekly while you are unemployed, through the web site or by tollfree telephone at (866) 291-2926.

IF YOUR HOURS ARE REDUCED OR YOU HAVE MEDICAL RESTRICTIONS:

You may be eligible for partial benefits if you are still employed by your regular employer but are working less than your normal full-time hours due to lack of available work, or lack of work available to you due to work-related medical restrictions. Benefits are not paid in the case of reduction in hours due to total disability, vacation or personal reasons.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION RECIPIENTS

If you missed at least seven weeks of earnings due to injury in any quarter during your base period, and were eligible for Workers' Compensation (whether or not you drew it), you may be able to use wages earned before your injury to qualify for unemployment benefits. To qualify, you must file your claim within the first four weeks that you are unemployed following the period covered by Workers' Compensation. Contact your nearest Unemployment Insurance office for more information.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT FUND ARE PAID BY EMPLOYERS. NO **DEDUCTIONS** ARE MADE FROM EMPLOYEE WAGES FOR THAT PURPOSE!

-IMPORTANT NOTICE-

BY LAW AN INDIVIDUAL MAY BE PENALIZED, FINED OR IMPRISONED FOR FALSE STATEMENTS MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING BENEFITS NOT OTHERWISE DUE!

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